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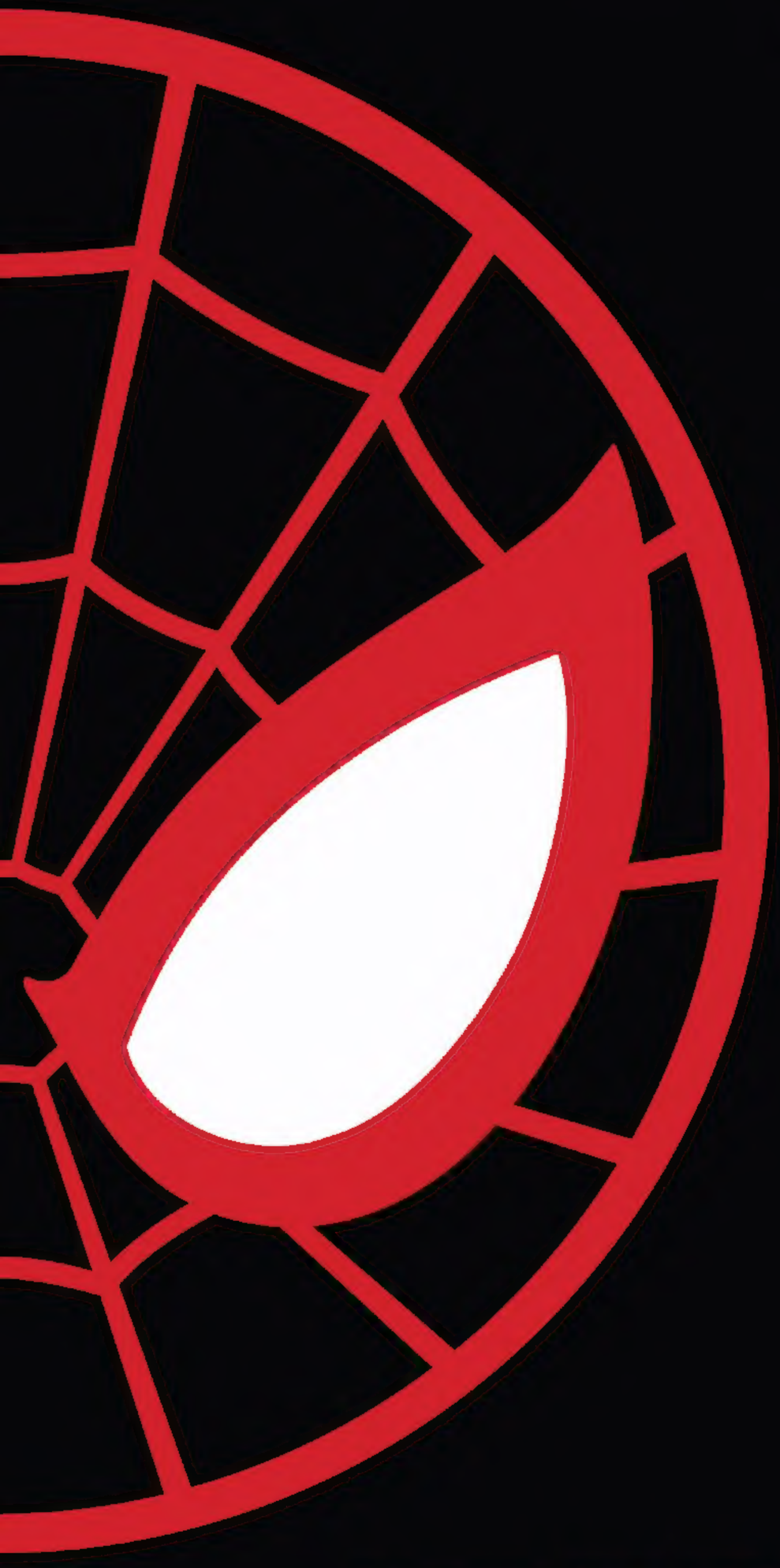

High-schooler Miles Morales was bitten by a genetically altered spider that grants him incredible arachnid-like powers.

This is a secret he has shared only with his best friend Ganke and his father.

Ganke is helping Miles figure out how to be Spider-Man. It's way harder than it looks.

Miles is having a hard time balancing school and super-heroing, and it doesn't make it any better that his grandma just arrived at his front door to talk about his slipping grades.

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OH, HEY, UH, GRANDMA...

MILES' PARENTS' APARTMENT.
BROOKLYN.
RIGHT NOW.

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF, YOUNG MAN?

UH...

"UH"?

THAT'S ABOUT THE LEVEL OF DISCOURSE I EXPECTED FROM SOMEONE WITH GRADES LIKE THESE.

GRANDMA-- HUGGIES.

NO HUGGIES.

HOW COULD YOU LET THIS HAPPEN, MILES?

I--

YOU ARE MESSING UP, MILES MORALES!

DO YOU WANT TO WORK IN A GAS STATION ON THE INTERSTATE?

YOU WANT TO END UP A DEAD PIECE OF CRAP LIKE YOUR UNCLE AARON?

GLORIA!
DO YOU WANT HIM TO END UP THAT WAY?!
YOU LISTEN TO ME, YOU--
I THINK MY HUSBAND IS INTIMATING THAT MAYBE YOU CAN TAKE IT DOWN...*SEVERAL THOUSAND* NOTCHES, MAMA.
HEY, MILES! YOUR GRANDMOTHER IS HERE.
YOUR MAMA CALLED ME OVER TO STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT, MISTER MORALES.
I, OKAY, I DON'T NEED "STRAIGHTENING OUT." I JUST NEED TO STUDY MORE.
HOLD ON, YOU. YOU'RE GOING TO TRY AND SMOOTH-TALK ME?
NO.
I'VE BEEN SMOOTH-TALKED BY THE BEST OF 'EM FROM BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN.
OKAY, I WAS JUST--
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
I'M SPIDER-MAN!
CAN I SEE YOUR PHONE?

WHY DO YOU NEED TO SEE MY--?!

BECAUSE NOW IT'S MY PHONE.

NO!

LITTLE BOYS SHOULDN'T EVEN HAVE TELEPHONES.

I REALLY NEED THAT FOR--

WHAT DO YOU NEED A PHONE FOR?

I NEED IT FOR WHEN IRON MAN CALLS ME TO GO ON AVENGERS MISSIONS!!!

I'M NOT...A "LITTLE BOY."

WE ACTUALLY NEED MILES TO HAVE HIS PHONE.

HE LIVES ON CAMPUS DURING THE WEEK. WE NEED TO GET AHOLD OF HIM.

IT'S THE CITY. ALL THE KIDS HAVE PHONES.

ALL THE KIDS ARE ON CRACK, TOO.

HE GETS THIS BACK AFTER HE EARNS IT BACK.

I REALLY NEED MY PHONE.

YOU NEED TO GO DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

NOW!

SLAM

OH MY GOD!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME WITH THIS?!

YOU SLAM THAT DOOR ONE MORE TIME I'M GOING TO TAKE IT OFF THE HINGES AND GIVE IT TO A HOMELESS BOY WHO APPRECIATES WHAT HE HAS!

WHAT WOULD A HOMELESS KID DO WITH A DOOR?!

AND THE REASON MY GRADES SUCK IS I'M A FREAKIN' SUPER HERO WHO'S SAVED THE ENTIRE CITY, LIKE, TEN TIMES LAST MONTH SO SORRRRRY IF I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ALL A'S, TOO!!!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN THE CITY IS ALWAYS UNDER ATTACK AND I HAVE SPIDER-POWERS AND CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?!

GOD!

GOD!

I COULD JUST LEAVE.

GO LIVE WITH THE AVENGERS.

JUST FORGET BEING ME AND GO BE SPIDER-MAN.

MOM

GRANNY

AND THIS IS WHY I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY GRADES!

AAAAAND THEN MY MOM KEELS OVER FROM SHOCK AND DIES.

MY GRANDMOTHER WILL PROBABLY OUT ME TO THE PRESS TO SHOW ME WHO'S BOSS AND, MAN, WHAT IS WITH MY DAD NOT STANDING UP TO GRANDMA?

GROW A PAIR, DUDE.

GUY USED TO BE A BAD-ASS GANGSTER, NOW HE CAN'T EVEN GET MY PHONE OUT OF MY GRANDMA'S HAND.

THANK GOD I LOCKED MY PHONE AND HAVE ALL MY SECRET SUPER HERO NUMBERS UNDER CODENAMES.

WHAT IF IRON MAN CALLS? WHAT IF MS. MARVEL CALLS?

WHAT IF GANKE CALLS?

HE'S GOING TO BE SO WORRIED IF HE CAN'T GET ME ON THE-- I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT TO THINK THAT.

LITTLE OVER THE TOP, DON'T YOU THINK?

THE PHONE.

HE NEEDS IT.

YOU SHOULD CHECK THE PHONE FOR NUMBERS YOU DON'T KNOW.

THEY ARE THE DRUG DEALERS.

HE'S NOT ON DRUGS.

A BOY GETS GOOD GRADES AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HE IS GETTING BAD GRADES?

HE'S ON DRUGS.

HE DISCOVERED GIRLS.

GIRLS WITH DRUGS.

MOM.

YOU CALLED ME DOWN HERE TO SCARE HIM STRAIGHT.

YES, YES, I DID.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM.

AND I SEE THOSE LOOKS, TOUGH GUY.

THIS IS ***YOUR*** HALF OF HIM WE'RE DEALING WITH.

GET HER THE HELL OUT OF MY--!

I KNOW.

I WANT HER OUT!

I KNOW.

IF SHE EVER, AND I MEAN EVER, MENTIONS MY ***BROTHER*** AGAIN--

I KNOW.

YOU THINK IT'S CUTE, BUT I THINK SHE'S TRULY ***MENTALLY ILL.***

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.

YOU KNOW THE TOP REASON I LOVE YOU IS BECAUSE YOU ROSE ***ABOVE*** BEING RAISED BY THAT.

DING DONG

HEY, I'M SORRY SHE SAID WHAT SHE SAID.

DING DONG

ONE MORE TIME, I SWEAR, I'LL LIFT HER UP OFF HER FEET AND THROW HER OUT.

BUT HER HIP.

IT PROBABLY WENT BAD FROM LANDING ON IT SO MANY TIMES AFTER PEOPLE THREW HER OUT OF PLACES.

OH, PLEASE...

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CAN I HELP YOU?

UH, HI, MRS. MORALES.

I'M A FRIEND OF MILES. I'M LANA. LANA BAUMGARTNER.

OH.

FROM SCHOOL?

WELL, NO.

JUST--UH, FRIEND OF A FRIEND.

OH.

WELL, MILES CAN'T COME OUT RIGHT NOW.

IS HE HERE?

YES, BUT, HE'S, UM, INDISPOSED.

OH, UH, I GUESS I CAN TEXT HIM.

WE TOOK AWAY HIS PHONE, LITTLE MISSY.

MOM!

UH, OKAY, CAN YOU TELL HIM I STOPPED BY?

WHAT ARE YOU *SELLING?*

I'M SORRY?

UPPERS, DOWNERS, THE POT?

MOM!

I'M SORRY?

LSD?

LS--? UM, I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. I'M JUST GOING TO--

SLAM

UH, WHAT THE $#$%# WAS THAT?

OKAY.

I AM SO SORRY.

WHAT DO YOU THINK SHE WAS?
SHE'S JUST A LITTLE FRIEND OF--
SHE LOOKED SUSPICIOUS.
AND?
YEAH, AND?
YOUR SON IS A DRUG DEALER.
OF WHAT?
YEAH, OF WHAT?
THAT'S HOW THEY DO IT. THEY PREY ON THE YOUNG. I SAW IT ON 20/20.
OKAY, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT!
YOU GET OUT.
GOOD IDEA.
JEFFERSON!
BYE.
MAMA!
YOU'LL SEE.
TOUGH LOVE EQUALS BETTER GRADES.
AND HE WON'T TURN INTO A REPEAT OF THAT HOT MESS YOU MARRIED.

"LSD"?

(NOW I HAVE TO GOOGLE *THAT.*)

MARRIED INTO A CRAZY FARM FULL OF CRAZY PEOPLE...

...

...

BOO!

AAGGHH!

THE HELL?

THE HELLY HELL?

TAP TAP

HEY HEY HEY...

LET ME IN BEFORE I BLOW AWAY.

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING HERE?*

WE HAD A SUPER HERO NEIGHBORHOOD RECON SCHEDULED.

WE DID?

WE TOTES DID.
OH MAN, I FORGOT.
I JUST UN-IRONICALLY SAID TOTES.
I'M SORRY. MY HEAD IS-- I'M A MESS.
WELL, YOU ARE THE MOST SCATTERBRAINED AVENGER.
WAIT, ARE YOU *GROUNDED?*
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING.
DON'T BE EMBARRASSED.
MY DAD IS A NIGHTMARE IN TWO DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.
HE'D GROUND ME TILL MENOPAUSE JUST FOR TALKING TO YOU.
I'M SORRY YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OVER.
SO LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
I CAN'T.
SURE YOU CAN.
SO THIS IS REALLY HOW IT'S GOING TO GO?
WHAT?
I TOLD YOU WHO I REALLY AM AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL ME YOUR REAL NAME?
NO.
WHY?
UH, I'M SMARTER THAN YOU?
COME ON...
YOU COME ON.
LOCK THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE, SKIP THE STUDYING AND LET'S GO PLAY SUPER HERO.
THAT DOES SOUND--
BOY!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

WERE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF?

WELL, YOU, UH, UM, TOOK MY PHONE.

(I HAD NO ONE ELSE TO TALK TO?)

LISTEN TO ME...I LOVE YOU.

I'M HERE BECAUSE YOU NEED TO GET IT TOGETHER.

YES, MA'AM.

YOU THINK YOUR *MAMA* ***WANTS*** TO CALL ME DOWN HERE?

NO.

SHE WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR ***YOU.***

SO STRAIGHTEN IT UP. FLY RIGHT. LET JESUS BE YOUR GUIDE.

YES, MA'AM.

I LOVE YOU.

WOOF, KID!

YOU GOT MUSCLES GROWING OUT OF YOUR MUSCLES.

LITTLE LESS WORKING OUT, LITTLE MORE BRAIN TIME...

YES, MA'AM.

AND ONE MORE THING...

STAY OFF THE DRUGS.

I'M NOT ON DRUGS.

HE'S NOT ON DRUGS!

MS. MARVEL?

MS. MARVEL?

SHE'S RIGHT.

YOU SHOULD STUDY.

BUT?

STUDY.

RAIN CHECK ON THE TEAM-UP.

AND STAY OFF THE DRUGS!

THE BRONX.

HM.

IS HE IN?

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME.

HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS WAS MY PLACE, FELICIA?

BECAUSE I KNOW *EVERYTHING*, HAMMERHEAD.

IT'S THE HEAD, AIN'T IT?

CAN'T KEEP A SECRET WITH A NOGGIN LOOKS LIKE MINE.

IT *IS* THE HEAD, AIN'T IT?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PUB, JOSEPH, AND I DON'T WANT A PIECE OF IT.

CAN I HELPS YOU, MISS?

THUGS, JOSEPH?

REALLY?

GUYS, MAYBE THIS AIN'T SOMETHING YOU NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH...

BUT YOU TOLD US TO KEEP ALL THE--

CHUCK

HAI!

NEXT?

FUMP

AIN'T NO THING.

SORRY.

IT'S MY SISTER'S KID YOU JUST CLOCKED.

GUY'S NOT THE BRIGHTEST. DON'T LISTEN FOR NUTIN'.

WHAT DO YA WANT, MISS HARDY?

THIS NEW SPIDER-MAN.

THERE'S A NEW ONE?
YOU DON'T WATCH THE NEWS?
TV GIVES ME HEADACHES.
WELL, THERE'S A NEW SPIDER-MAN. TAKE MY WORD FOR IT.
THERE'S JUST TOO MANY SPIDER-PEOPLE CRAWLING AROUND, DON'T YOU THINK?
I DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN IT WAS JUST ONE.
THE IDEA OF IT DOES PISS ME OFF.
WELL, I'M PUTTING A BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD.
YEAH?
THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D ROUND UP SOME OF YOUR LARGER-THAN-LIFE FELLOWS AND SEE IF YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THIS LITTLE PROBLEM BEFORE IT BECOMES AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM.
MAKE SOME MONEY, EARN BACK SOME REP POINTS, AND YOU AND ME START SEEING HOW WELL WE WORK TOGETHER.
SEE, THIS HERE, IT CONFUSES ME.
YOU, THE BLACK CAT, COME DOWN HERE YOURSELF TO TELL ME THIS.
IT MAKES ME--WHAT'S THE WORD?
SUSPICIOUS.
YEAH.
DON'T BE.
IT'S A MATTER OF RESPECT.
YOU RESPECT *ME?*
I DO.
YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS A LONG TIME, HAMMERHEAD.
THE MAGGIA, THE KINGPIN, THE HOOD, MISTER NEGATIVE, AND YOU'RE *STILL* HERE.
AND I DON'T LIKE A GAME OF TELEPHONE WHEN IT'S SOMETHING THIS IMPORTANT.
I WANT YOU TO HEAR IT FROM ME.
THIS AIN'T THE WAY WILSON FISK DID IT.
OH, I KNOW.
LOTS OF PEOPLE DID A LOT OF THINGS ONE WAY AND LOOK WHERE IT GOT THEM.
WAY PAST TIME TO CHANGE THE GAME.
OKAY, TELL ME MORE ABOUT THIS NEW FRICKIN' SPIDER-MAN.
"OKAY, WHO KNOWS WHAT A MUTANT IS?"

BROOKLYN VISIONS ACADEMY, BROOKLYN.

WHO KNOWS WHAT AN INHUMAN IS?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INHUMAN AND A MUTANT?

ANYONE?

VISIONS ACADEMY

YOU'RE NOT BEING GRADED ON THIS.

THIS ISN'T A TEST. IT'S JUST A DIALOGUE.

MUTANTS. WHO CAN TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THEM?

IT'S SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEIR BIOLOGY, I THINK.

LIKE THEY WERE BORN WITH THIS EXTRA SOMETHING IN THEIR BLOOD OR DNA, OR SOMETHING, AND IT GIVES THEM EACH A POWER.

EXACTLY, JUDGE. EXACTLY RIGHT.

THEY WERE ***BORN*** WITH A MUTANT GENE.

THEY WERE ***BORN*** DIFFERENT.

BUT, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ON SOME LEVEL, WE ***ALL*** WERE, RIGHT?

LOOK AT YOUR PHONE I'M TEXTING YOU!

I LOVE MUTANTS. I'M A HUGE DAZZLER FAN.

YOU ARE?

LOVE RETRO.

DAZZLER IS RETRO? THEN I AM OLD!

ANYWAY, THE REASON I BROUGHT IT UP IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A ***NEW STUDENT*** JOINING OUR SCHOOL.

AND ***HE*** IS A MUTANT.

NO! SHE TOOK IT?! THAT'S--THAT'S, LIKE, WHAT THEY DO TO MURDERERS.

FROM WHAT I AM TOLD HE'S A LITTLE ON THE FAMOUS SIDE, BUT HE IS HERE AND HE IS HERE TO LEARN.

AND I WANT YOU ALL TO OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO THE EXPERIENCE OF SHARING OUR SCHOOL WITH HIM.

I WANT YOU ALL TO MEET...

FABIO MEDINA.

GOLDBALLS! IT'S GOLDBALLS. GOLDBALLS IS IN OUR SCHOOL.

THIS IS SO COOL.

HE'S, LIKE, MY FAVORITE.

WELL, YOU KNOW, *AFTER* SPIDER-MAN.

TO BE CONTINUED...

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?*

DON'T MISS **SPIDER-MAN #4**

ZONE